



ALTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

"Serving Today for a Better Tomorrow"

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The Alton Police Department has started its first neighborhood watch program. The neighborhood watch program was established to minimize crime and report any suspicious activity that is occurring in each individual neighborhood. This program was also established to bring community policing into problematic neighborhoods. Being part of a neighborhood watch program also allows the citizen to interact with their neighbors.

The City of Alton began its first neighborhood watch meetings in January 2007. Coordinating the neighborhood watch meetings are Lieutenant E. Hernandez and Officer N. Garza. The neighborhood watch meetings are being held at the City Annex Building located directly east of the Alton Police Department. During these meetings citizens report the main problems that their specific neighborhood is having. Citizens also report any concerns they may have regarding the safety of their children or their property. This being the beginning stages of the program the Alton Police Department is checking their records and targeting the most crime affected areas. At this point and time there are three neighborhoods that are currently involved in the Neighborhood Watch Program.

The extra vigilance that has been provided by the citizens involved in the neighborhood watch has already begun to take effect. Crime and juvenile delinquency have decreased in these targeted areas.

If interested in starting a neighborhood watch program in your area or have any questions regarding this program contact Lt. Hernandez or Officer Garza at 522-8655 / 581-2602.